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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/733,522	<b>Applicant(s)</b> AMIT ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Marissa Thein	<b>Art Unit</b> 3627	

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Amendment*

Applicant's "Reponses" filed on October 26, 2005 has been considered.

Claims 1-30 remain pending in this application.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

**Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,604,093 (Etzion et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,363 to Brown et al.**

Regarding **claim 1**, Etzion et al. discloses a system for notifying clients of events of an event source (see column 17, lines 15-20), comprising: a first trigger engine configured to register event requests (see Figure 2, step 40), including first and second event requests; **[claim 2]** the data indicative of the event instance is provided in an event object (see column 8, lines 15-19); **[claim 4]** communication is over a network connection (see Figure 1); **[claim 5]** the first trigger engine includes at least one data structure (see column 12, lines 20-29); **[claim 6]** the first trigger engine is client; **[claim 7]** at least one of the event request corresponds to a job (the events perform jobs over a given time schedule); **[claim 8]** the first trigger engine is associated with a job scheduler component (each event is controlled by initiators and terminators); **[claim 10]** the job

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scheduler component includes at least one data structure (Table 1); **[claim 11]** the event-triggered criteria include a time event (each event is controlled by initiators and terminators); **[claim 12]** the event-trigger criteria include a job event corresponding to the completion status of at least one other job (complex events include multiple events that occur at different times); **[claim 13]** the event-triggered criteria are arranged as clauses of atoms, each atom corresponding to a request (see column 8, lines 58-60); **[claim 14]** communication by the first trigger engine is via a reliable protocol (inherent); and **[claim 16]** the first trigger engine includes a recovery process (it is inherent that time values are reset after each event is completed).

Etzion fails to disclose a second trigger engine, wherein the second trigger engine registers multiple event requests that are grouped with similar requests into a base request; determining which of the one or more event requests the event instance corresponds to; wherein whether the event instance corresponds to first event request, if so, to notify the first client of the even instance; and whether the event instance corresponds to the second event request, and if so, to notify the second client of the event instance. Etzion discloses the system reacts to the situation by notifying a user of the system that the situation has occurred (col. 17, lines 16-19).

Brown, on the other hand, teaches a second trigger engine, wherein the second trigger engine registers multiple event requests that are grouped with similar requests into a base request; determining which of the one or more event requests the event instance corresponds to; wherein whether the event instance corresponds to first event request, if so, to notify the first client of the even instance; and whether the event

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instance corresponds to the second event request, and if so, to notify the second client of the event instance (col. 3, lines 23-25; col. 4, lines 50-65).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Etzion et al. with grouping of event requests and determining which of the one or more event requests the event instance corresponds to as taught by Brown, in order to handle different types of events (Brown col. 1, lines 53-54) and notifying users upon the occurrence of selected events (Brown, col. 1, lines 51-52).

Regarding claims 15, Etzion substantially discloses the claimed invention, however, it does not explicitly disclose the use of message queuing as the means of communication between the first and second trigger engines.

Brown, on the other hand, teaches the use of message queuing (col. 2, lines 32-33; col. 2, lines 50-55).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Etzion's modified device with message queuing as taught by Brown, to enable applications to exchange messages (Brown, col. 2, lines 48-52).

Regarding **claim 18**, the Examiner takes Official Notice that is old and well known to use an access checking mechanism.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Etzion et al. with access control as is well known in the art, because installing access control within a system provides the security necessary to insure the protection of enterprise data.

**Claims 19-28** are directed to a method of using the system of claim 1, wherein the combination of Etzion et al. and Brown discloses the method as described above in detail for the system.

**Claims 29 and 30** are directed to system similar to the system of claim 1, wherein the combination of Etzion et al. and Brown discloses the system of claim 29 as described above in detail for the system 1.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S. Patent No. 6,185,611 to Waldo et al. discloses a lookup service which provides a notification mechanism that can be used by clients to receive notification.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marissa Thein whose telephone number is 571-272-6764. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alex Kalinowski can be reached on 571-272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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January 20, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve B. McAllister".

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**PRIMARY EXAMINER**